

NEW-TECH ARTICULATOR

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

The New-Tech Articulator is built by C channel angles, square tubing and bolts, so it can be lighter and stronger than a conventional one. All the parts are connected by bolts and each part can be easy to replace. Some of the holes which are drilled on the parts have a thread, so the bolts can tighten the parts together on the place needed. The New-Tech Articulator is invented to combine 2 dental master models (upper and lower without the use of plaster, glue, oil, drilling of tools) to be able to register the patient's bite taken by the dentist for processing of the dental prosthetics.

The conventional articulator suffers various disadvantages, such as the use of plaster, which is messy and time consuming because of the plaster drying period needed. Also to be able to adjust the bite, the technician needs to break the plaster and pour a new one. Whenever adjustment is needed after the first process, has to be repeated over from the beginning.

The New-Tech Articulator is designed to be used without the use of plaster. The New-Tech Articulator is built with an adjustable vise that can be used with any size model. The upper horizontal arm is adjustable to any dental movement. The vertical arm has an adjustable up and down movement to pick up the thickness of the models. The bottom arm of the articulator has four standing arms that are easily adjustable to any working position needed. All the movements of the articulator are done by several screws that are inserted to each part of the articulator to hold the position needed.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Below is a detailed explanation of the parts and movements of the dental New-Tech Articulator which is necessary when combining the two models (upper and lower) together without the use of plaster.

PART # 1 (4 pieces) is an "L" shaped arm. It has a hole with no thread which enables the bolt to go through and connect one of the front holes of **PART # 2**, which has a thread (shown in FIG. 3). They can rotate 90 degrees counterclockwise and they can be attached to the working model.

PART # 2 (2 pieces) has a rectangular shape, with 8 holes with thread in the middle, connecting to **PART # 3**. It has also 2 holes on one of the end sides (shown in FIG. 3) connecting to **PART # 1**.

PART # 3 (2 pieces) is "L" shaped. On the short side it has 2 holes with threads where 2 bolts are inserted (shown in FIG. 3) to tighten the model. On the long side, it has a hole in the middle where a bolt can go through to connect to any one of the 8 holes of **PART # 2**. These 3 parts when connected, become a vise which can be adjusted to hold any shape of a dental model, upper and lower.

PART # 4 is a C channel, which is connected with **PART # 5**. Half of this channel has an open side in the middle. A bolt goes through the channel and connects the vise with **PART # 4**. Therefore enabling the vise to move/slide horizontally, left and right. **PART # 4** can rotate 360 degrees clockwise (shown in FIG. 2).

PART # 5 is connected to **PART # 4**. It has a horizontal hole with a bolt enabling the insertion of **PART # 6**. It can rotate 360 degrees and horizontally to enable tightening with the bolt to any position needed (shown in FIG. 1, 2, & 3). **PART # 6** is a round bar with one side cut in "L" shape. The "L" shaped part has a hole and knurling in the middle of the flat side, which is connected with a bolt to **PART # 7**, which also has knurling and thread in the hole. It rotates 180 degrees clockwise and can be tightened to any position. The round side of the bar slides into **PART # 5**.

PART # 7 is the same shape as **PART # 6**. The round side of the bar has a vertical hole with thread connecting to **PART # 8** (as shown in FIG. 1, 2 & 3).

PART # 8 is a C channel which has a base and 2 arms. The base has a vertical hole connecting to **PART # 7** with a bolt. It has another hole which has thread and a long bolt which adjusts the bite opening (shown in FIG. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5). It also has 2 holes to enable connection to **PART # 9**, which moves 9 – 12 clockwise (as shown in FIG. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5). It is also adjustable (left and right) by the 2 bolts.

PART # 9 is a smaller C channel with 2 holes on the base and 2 holes on the arms. The armholes are connected with bolts to **PART # 8**. Both holes on the base have threads. It slides vertically to **PART # 10** (shown in FIG. 5 & 6). **PART # 10** is a wider C channel with a slide on the base which the bolt goes through and